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Millom Urban District Council Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health.

Summary of Action taken during the year ending Dec. 31st 1897, to prevent the spread of Disease.

Small Pox. No cases.

Scarlet Fever. Eighty Seven cases were reported, a decrease of 168 on last year. No deaths. These cases were no doubt a continuation of the Epidemic of the two preceding years and I hope this year we shall see the last of it, but without an Isolation Hospital, it is a disease impossible to stamp out. We used all the means at our disposal to check its spread, sending notice of each case to the School Board, Free Library &c. using disinfectants freely and the steam disinfecter, when we could persuade people to use it.

Typhus Fever. No cases.

Enteric Fever. Twenty one cases reported. Two deaths. I cannot but think that many of these Cases are Diarrhœa in a more or less severe form more especially those reported in young children. I can find no cause why we should have so many cases of this disease in our district, seeing that the water is I believe absolutely pure, I can find no evidence of a tainted milk supply. The sewerage has had every attention paid to it, and we have now only about 65 open middens :

Diarrhœa. Two deaths.

Dyptheria. Two cases. Both died.

Croup. Two cases. Both died.

Measles. No deaths.

Erysipelas. Nine cases. One death.

Notification of Disease. One hundred and twenty one were reported, a decrease of 164 on last year's Scarlet Fever 87, Enteric Fever 21, Erysipelas 9, Dyptheria 2, Croup 2.

Whooping Cough. Five deaths.

Water. Good in quantity and quality.

Bad Meat. Not any.



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Offensive Trades or Smells. Tripe boiling is the only offensive trade we have and I have received no complaints.

Sewerage. Very satisfactory. Thirteen yard drains were cleared or repaired. Twenty nine trapped gullies substituted for defective ones. Thirty one yards paved or relaid. Twenty five W.C's cleared or repaired. Four removals of manure. One hundred and twenty slopstone waste pipes lengthened or repaired.

Scavenging. Continues to give satisfaction, 18947 middens &c. were emptied during the year showing the large increase of 7,847. Middens converted into W.C's. or dry ashpits 101, leaving about 65 yet to be done.

Reports have been made to each Council Meeting during the year, showing the work done, Birth and Death rate and other matters connected with the Sanitary state of the District. A house to house visitation has been made to each of the 1786 houses now in the district, an increase of 10 and a special visit has been paid where any nuisance has been reported. Five common lodging-houses and 12 Slaughter-houses were also inspected.

Zymotic Disease. Caused 14 deaths an increase of five on last year.

Deaths. Number 141 a decrease of 20 on last year or 14.12 per 1000. Of these 45 were under one year. 14 under 5 years 11 under 15, 7 under 25, 36 under 65, and 28 above 65. Of these 28, 15 were over 70 and 5 over 80 years of age.

Births. 356 or 35.93 per 1000 an increase of 49 on last year.

Inspector of Nuisances. This department continues to give satisfaction.

I enclose tables as required by the Local Government Board, and will forward copies of this report to them and the County Council in due course,

P. Butler Stoney,

Medical Officer of Health.

Feb. 24th, 1898.

A)

classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES, and showing also the Population of such Localities, and the Births therein during the Year.

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Sanitary District of

Shelton

28,177	10	88	H. B. & Co.
12,862	6000	10	88 28.177

The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the mortality of this Division of the Sanitary District. *See Note 6 on Back.*

*hs occurring within the division or district among
ons not belonging thereto.

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NOTES ON TABLE A.

NOTE 1. Medical Officers of Health of "Combined Districts" must make a separate Return for the District of each Sanitary Authority.

2. Medical Officers of Health acting for the whole District of a Sanitary Authority should strike out the words [Division of the] in the heading of the Table.

3. Medical Officers of Health acting for a portion only of the District of a Sanitary Authority should write, in the heading of the Table, the number or other designation of the Division for which they act.

4. The words "Urban" or "Rural" must be inserted in the appropriate space in the heading, according as the Sanitary Authority for the District is Urban or Rural.

5. The "Localities" adopted for the purpose of these statistics should be areas of known population; such as parishes, groups of parishes, townships or wards.

~~As stated in the heading of col. 1, Public Institutions should be regarded as separate localities, and the deaths in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received, are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.~~

6. The deaths which have to be classified in this Table, and summed-up in the horizontal line of "Totals," are the whole of those *registered* as having actually occurred in the several localities comprised within the Division or District. But the registered number of deaths frequently requires correction before it can give an exact view of the mortality of a Division or District; and the two lowest horizontal lines are provided for the purpose of enabling Medical Officers of Health to indicate, to the best of their ability, what the extent of such corrections should be. Details concerning the corrective figures, *e.g.*, the institutions that have been considered, or the articular localities to which corrections apply, may appear in the text of the report or in supplementary tables.

7. The annexed Schedule should be filled up, and the return be signed by the Medical Officer of Health.

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.	
Area in Acres	1311
Population (1881)	8857

P. B. Sherry Medical Officer of Health.
(Date) February 24 1889

(B) TABLE OF NEW CASES OF SICKNESS, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1889, in the _____ Division
of the urban Sanitary District of Widmore; classified according to LOCALITIES and DISEASES.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

(See Notes on Back).

The figures of the columns following column 12 will have been derived from the returns of Poor Law Medical Officers, from the practice of public institutions in or near the Sanitary District, and from other medical practice.

The Officer of Health making this report is desired to state below the number of persons BELONGING to this division or district, who have during the year newly come under treatment for ALL KINDS of disease and injury, and of whose cases he has had information.

..... in Workhouse and Workhouse Infirmary.

..... among Out-door Paupers.

..... as In-patients of Hospital.

..... as Out-patients of Hospital.

..... as Out-patients of Dispensary.

* in Other Practice.

* This refers to cases of sickness not included in the previous classes, if the Medical Officer of Health has information of such cases from other sources.

NOTES ON TABLE B.

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 4. *The words "Urban" or "Rural" must be inserted in the appropriate space in the heading, according as the Sanitary Authority for the District is Urban or Rural.*
 5. *The present Table B. is concerned solely with the new cases of sickness that have come to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health. It will have reference exclusively to persons belonging to the Sanitary division or district to which the Table relates. The figures in the left-hand portion of the Table will show the chief sources of information, necessarily varying in various Sanitary Districts, of which the Medical Officer of Health has availed himself.*
 6. *The "localities" adopted for the purposes of Table B. should be the same as those adopted in Table A., and new cases taken for treatment into any public institution should be distributed among the localities from which they were taken. Hence Workhouses, Hospitals, and the like will not appear in this Table, as in Table A., except in the case of sickness originating or spreading within the Workhouse or Hospital; or in the case of sickness among inmates whose previous residence cannot be ascertained. The right-hand portion of the Table is now identical in form with that of Table A., and to facilitate reference from one Table to the other, the headings of the several columns are numbered from 13 to 28, as in Table A.*
 7. *In filling the Schedule, care must be taken to avoid (so far as is practicable) counting the same case of sickness twice over, e.g., once when attended at the patient's own house, and again when removed to a public institution.*

In recording the facts under the various headings, attention has been given to the foregoing points.

P. B. Stoney Medical Officer of Health.
 (Date) *July 24th* 189*6*